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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said—"EMPRESS"

Big Crowd Enjoys Sports Day is a Good Success

In splendid weather a large crowd gathered to witness the 1st of July sports. Starting in early the crowd gradually began to gather, and by noon a large number were in town. The restaurants and cafes were busy as could be, whilst the booth and store in charge of the ladies' aid was doing heavy trade. The sun was hot and everyone was looking for the shady place. The first horse race was called at about 1:30 p.m., being a one mile horse race, saddle, open, there being eight starters. Mr. Galusha was the winner of this event. He was returned winner of three different horse races. The following were the results:

One mile horse race, saddle, open
Galusha 1st, Fitzpatrick 2nd, E. Graham 3rd.
Half mile ox race, buggy
D. Hopkins, walkover.
First heat green race, half mile, harness
Shields 1st, Johnson 2nd.
Slow race, 1 mile, owners change horses
Broder 1st, H. Cowley 2nd. (Two entries).
Pony race, 14 h's and under, boys or girls
Thompson 1st, H. Trail 2nd.
Second heat, green race, 1 mile, harness
Shields declared winner, Johnson 2nd.
One mile, farmers' and ranchers' race
Galusha 1st, Bishop 2nd.
Half mile mule race, saddle
I. Clark 1st, Waldon 2nd.
Two mile relay race, change saddle and
mounts every half mile
Galusha 1st, Bishop 2nd.
First heat, one mile harness race
Shields 1st, Johnson 2nd.
One mile ladies' race, saddle
Mrs. Thompson 1st, Mrs. Engelbrecht 2nd.

FOOT RACES

100 yd. dash, for men
Campbell 1st, W. Harvey 2nd, P. McNichol 3rd.
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Dart 1st, LaCrombie 2nd.
100 yd. sack race, for men
Dart 1st, Sharp 2nd, LaCrombie 3rd.
Quarter mile race, for men
McNichol 1st, Campbell 2nd, Radford 3rd.
100 yd. three-legged race
Graham-Robinson, Read-Shard, McNichol-Harvey.
Girls' race, 12 years and under
Misses Stewart 1st, Clark 2nd, B. Blood 3rd.
Boys' race, 12 years and under
Masters Dolling 1st, Trail 2nd, F. Tucker 3rd.
Half mile race, for men
McNichol 1st, W. Harvey 2nd, Radford 3rd.
One mile relay race, 4 men to team, one at 220, two at 440, one at 660
McNichol's team winners
Obstacle race
McNichol, 1st, Mills, 2nd, McNichol, jr., 3rd.
Putting shot, 16 pounds
Bryno, 1st, Campbell, 2nd, Thrush, 3rd.

BUCKING CONTEST

I. Mackay

Notice to the Ratepayers of Mantario Municipality, No. 262

Dated Mantario, June 1, 1914
Ratepayers wishing to avoid having costs added to their arrears of taxes must pay before August 1st, as after that date application will be made to the Judge for Confirmation of "The Tax Enforcement Return," which will mean added costs to everyone whose taxes are not paid by that time.
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Mr. Elijah Murphy, of Saskatchewan, was another new arrival in town last week. He expects his wife shortly.

Good profits, we understand, were netted by the Union church ladies aid by the sale of refreshments, etc., in Mr. G. L. Brown's new store.

Announcement

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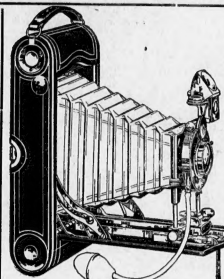
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A New Comer's

Impression of Empress

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moisture in the soil. The western farmer as a rule, does not grow wheat; he mines it, and takes from the soil what it is generously disposed to give, and is grateful—or otherwise.

Empress has made a magnificent start. Her first advantage has been good connection. The site chosen by the C.P.R. as the main line divisional point between Swift Current and Bassano. Again she is on the bank of a river. One does not always feel charitable towards a river. On one occasion, I was plunged from my horse into the cold South Saskatchewan, and my sensitive nature underwent a severe trial. If any person desires a shock at cost, or wishes his pores opened at the least possible price, let him be thrown off horseback into cold mountain stream. But in relation to a town or city, the value of a river is inestimable. Empress is also at a reasonable distance from any other large town. And with all this, the right kind of man have come to the town. In many of the smaller western towns, the

leading tradesman has had little to do with business before leaving the East; and he will tell you, with a proud air, that in the West he is merchant, auctioneer, undertaker, postmaster, elevator-man and farmer. In Empress, however, the representatives are business men in the highest sense; they are here to stay and have already put out extensive investments.

The houses constructed are of wide variety. Some appear what Nicholas Nickleby would call "pernicious snug" while others are after the maxim of Kingdley,—that it matters little to a man what the outside of his house looks like, so long as the inside is comfortable.

I had been informed previously, that the stores in Empress were being duplicated. I found that in some lines there were three houses handling the same things. Here too I might include the restaurants; I have a great interest in restaurants. At times I have a sense of vacancy about my geographical center which turns my thoughts to the restaurant, and I owe much of my success in life to the fact that generally, I take my meals in the four corners of the restaurant. And still they build; it is the clasp of the hammer all day long.

The town is planned as anticipating a large city and the wide avenues point to shady trees, broad boulevards and parks. Already we have a lending library of fiction to give us love and laughter, lifting our minds for a moment from the mundane to that fairy land where we all like to revel; and some day we shall talk of our museum, our city hall, our electric plant, and many other such things too numerous to mention. We live where transportation is the order. Here, not long ago the buffalo made his track and rubbed out his saucer-like wallows in the earth. More recently again the grazing stock of the Cross Bar ranch, conquered the hillside with their feet as they wandered to and fro. These all have given place to a town, which stands for industry, thrift and progress and to any outsider who may wish to see things hustle away—come! Soon we shall have train service—our orchestra will meet you at the depot and we will give you a right royal welcome. Come!

A NEW TOWN EVERY WEEK

How the Canadian Pacific Railway is Populating Canada

By no means the least important work at a great railway like the Canadian Pacific Railway is the establishment of new cities, towns and villages along its lines. The development of the agricultural resources of Western Canada necessitate a continuous program of railroad construction, and new lines are being rapidly opened up to districts not hitherto served, and at the same time, there is just as strong a necessity for the establishment of

city for these new towns, which arise almost automatically when there is a sufficient demand for them.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, through its Department of Natural Resources, is now engaged in locating these towns along its system in Western Canada wherever they are required. The great influx of immigration and the settlement of hitherto unpopulated farm lands makes it essential to open up new townsites to correspond. The Canadian Pacific Railway has a total mileage of about 7800, extending from the international boundary north to the most northerly point being Edmonton, which is about 315 miles from the boundary. This mileage is that in Canada only, and does not include the line controlled by the Company in the western parts of the United States. About 1,620 miles in the province of British Columbia, and about 350 miles in the western portion of the United States, between Fort William and Lake of the Woods, leaving about 5,800 miles in the three prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the wonderful agricultural district which the C.P.R. is now engaged in colonizing.

On this western system there are nearly 1,300 cities, towns and villages, ranging in size from big industrial centres like Winnipeg, Vancouver and Calgary, down to the smallest hamlets of a score or so of souls. Twenty-four out of these have a population of over five thousand, sixteen of over ten thousand, and nine of over twenty thousand, five of over fifty thousand, and two of over 100,000, and one (Winnipeg) of 320,000. The Company's program this year calls for the placing on the market on an average of one new townsite every week. These are mostly along the new railway lines, the most important of which in progress are the completion of the Weyburn to Lethbridge cut-off which will put the very rich agricultural districts of extreme southern Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Bessano to Swift Current cut-off, which will provide for an alternative main line route, and the extension of the central Alberta branch, which runs from Lacombe, by its present terminus at Monitor, Alberta, to Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, on the north main line branch from Winnipeg to Edmonton. Approximately five hundred miles of new line will be ready for operation or in operation by the end of 1911.

In placing new townsites upon the market, the Canadian Pacific Railway endeavors as much as possible to eliminate the element of speculation. The speculator's operations have not always conduced to the best interests of a new country like Western Canada, but have, on the contrary, sometimes had the effect of retarding its development by creating inflated values; and just as the company withdrew its six million acres of farm lands from sale to speculators, by imposing the conditions that all such lands bought must be occupied and developed, so in the case of townsites it tries to have those who buy townlots improve them instead of holding them out of use pending a rise in values. To that end, it has practically abolished the once popular system of auctioning town lots, and now sells only by list prices on the principle of first come first served, and by fixing a limit to the number of lots which can be acquired by one man; and in some cases it has granted a rebate where buildings to a stipulated value have been built within a stated time after the purchase.

There is often a tendency to underestimate the importance of the small town, and to look upon the big city at its expense; but the small town has its own very definite place in the scheme of things, and plays a very useful part in the life of the community. It is the mart and business hub for the farmer. The volume of trade that passes through such unpretentious little western towns is sometimes amazing; in fact, it is a commonplace that a country store is often a very much more profitable proposition than one in a big city. The small town serves as the social centre of the surrounding dis-

trict. To it the farmer comes to church, to dances, and to other happenings, as well as to sell his wheat or to buy his household commodities; and while it is small, it is generally quietly prosperous, and its prosperity reflects the success of those who are tributary to it.

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EMPRESS DEFEATS PRUSSIA

Teams Well Matched. Exciting Game Results

In the presence of 1,500 people the Empress team showed the stuff they were made of and sent the Prussia ball team down to defeat by a score of 7 to 6 in a close and intensely exciting match. This win brings the boys' percentage up to 500.

Outside of a few errors the game was hard and well fought from start to finish. The boys had their hearts set on winning the game and meant to keep the money here at all costs and could see nothing for it but to let the Prussia team have the small end of the score. It meant sticking right to it but it had to be done, hence the result.

Lefty Lange and Geo. Mendel were up before the game. Lange, however, looked the best and was sent to the slab. He pitched gilt-edge ball, and is entitled to much credit for the coolness and the splendid judgment he displayed throughout the game. The boys stood well behind him with their bats and did good hitting, the best we have seen them do this year.

The team on their showing

INNS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R.
PRUSSIA	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6
EMPRESS	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	x	7	

Result: Prussia, 6; Empress, 7

Football Team Defeat Leland 2 Goals to 1

The football match between which they scored. This reverse made the home team redouble their efforts and half time arrived with them giving the Leland defence a busy time. Half-time score, Leland 1, Empress, 0.

Yesterday, have improved wonderfully during the past three weeks. Fungo Leonard said at the beginning of the season "Keep your eyes on the ball team, we will be there at the finish." Empress is proud of the teams showing.

We have also to remember that the Prussia are a bunch of good sports as well as good fellows and we hope to see some more games between these two teams.

EMPRESS
D. McCulloch, SS
R. E. Mundell, 1b
Mendel, 2b
A. Sturgeon, 3rd
R. Sturgeon, LF
H. McCune, CF
Wallace, RF
Ed. McCune, C
Otto Lange, P
PRUSSIA
Story, SS
Malpheny, 1b
Hill, 2nd B
Medell, 3rd B
Scheffer, LF
Zeimer, CF
Shields, RF
Spang er, C
Stiert, P

Upon change of ends the Empress team took up the running from a nice pass by Floward and Handley scored an equaliser. Empress now had the Leland team guessing and five minutes from time Kelly scored what proved to be the winning goal for Empress.

Final Score: Empress, 2, Leland, 1
For the winners, Handley played an excellent game.

Tennis Tournaments

First round—Mundell beat Campbell, 6-2, 6-2; Franklin, 6-4, 6-2.

Second round—Loeb beat Mundell, 6-0, 6-3; Gregg beat Eger; Oldroyd beat Tremble 6-2, 6-4; Abbott beat H. J. Dennis, 5-6; Franklin beat Wallace 8-6, 9-7.

Third round—Loeb beat Gregg, 4-4, 6-1; Cootts beat Abbott, 6-2, 6-4.

Finals will take place on Saturday at 5 o'clock, between Franklin and winner of Loeb and Oldroyd, for silver cup.

I am proud of our team from the showing they made against Prussia on Wednesday. The team has winning ball in them and it is coming out better every game. I said we would give Empress a good ball team and before the season is over you will see the team standing in first place. There are little holes in the team work that will be closed up with a little more practice. The team showed up better than I expected against such odds, and the game they put up Wednesday showed that they are fast rounding into shape and as an exclusive home team they bar none.

Fungo Leonard.

A meeting of the Baseball Club is called for to-night, at 8 p.m., at the Empress Hardware Store.

Mr. G. K. Gindall, of Saskatoon, arrived in town on Monday of last week, June 22nd, and intends to locate here.

Josephine and District News

Mrs. Seely, of Empress, has been visiting at Mrs. Belton's for the past week.

Mr. Z. Leach, J.P., has started the erection of his house on his homestead. We believe it is to be a two-story building with a concrete basement.

The crop outlook in this district is not of the brightest. Unless we are favoured with rain very soon there will be a very small percentage fit to cut, a great deal having already wilted.

A meeting of the Methodist church Ladies Aid, will (D.V.) be held at the home of Mrs. J. Thomas, on Thursday afternoon, July 9th, at 3 o'clock. All lady members of the congregation are invited to attend.

With the beginning of July a new rural post office was established at 34-24-29 W3, under the postmaster of A. J. McCurdy. The name bestowed upon the new office by the postal authorities is Josephine. Although the consensus of opinion is that a much more appropriate name could have been chosen, we are all greatly pleased to have the improved mail service.

Chesterfield District

The crops north of the river from Estuary in the district known as Chesterfield are sure looking great. Mr. Magee has got the best field of oats in the country, and it is doubtful if there is anything west of the 3rd meridian that can beat them. There are a few hundred acres of flax in the district which beats any flax that is grown further north. The rain is sure doing good work for the crops.

There has been some very heavy rains in this district of late, especially on June 20th. There must have been a cloud-

Candian Pacific Railway Townsites

DENHART IDDESLEIGH JENNER ATLEE
MAJESTIC BUFFALO PANCRAS HALSBURY
BINDLOSS SHARROW

The sale of the above-named townsites will be held as follows:

	Monday, July 13th
Denhart	" " "
Iddesleigh	" " "
Jenner	" " "
Halsbury	" " "
Atlee	" " "
Maestic	Tuesday, July 14th
Buffalo	" " "
Paneras	" " "
Bindloss	" " "
Sharrow	" " "

These townsites are on the Bassano-Empress branch. Price lists and plans may be had upon application to the Sales Branch.

Department of Natural Resources; Canadian Pacific Railway.
Calgary, Alberta.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Superintendent of Lands.

burst.

A couple of residents of this district who enjoy driving very much got the loan of or hired I do not know which, a buggy and an old skate of a horse to go to Empress with. All went well, we believe, on the way going there. But on the return home, in some of the deep ravines on the river trail, the old skate not being very active on his pins, fell on the incline of the ravine and broke one of the shafts. Not satisfied with that he rolled over on the other shaft and broke it also breaking the harness and if then temer had not been a carpenter and a harness maker both, the expenses would have been high. But this did not save the couple from an eight mile walk, and say, didn't it rain some about that time. It

The ladies of the English church held a booth on July 1, on Third Ave. between the stores of the Empress-Drug Co. and G. L. Brown's. Great praise is due to the ladies, who in the absence of their clergymen, made it a great success. The total proceeds of the day amounted to \$100.53.

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Rules of Contest:

- 1—Contest opened on Monday morning, June 1st, and closes Wednesday night, July 15th, at six o'clock p.m.
- 2—One guess ticket will be issued for each subscription.
- 3—Each guess handed in will have the time received recorded and in case of a tie the first guess recorded will be considered the winner.
- 4—The winner will be decided by figures to be sent out from the Calgary office of the C.P.R., Department of Natural Resources, on Wednesday night, July 15th, 1914.

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FRIDAY, JULY 5th, 1914

**A New Comer's
Impression
of Empress**

"True, the Springs are rather late, And early falls predominate, But good company is pretty sure, And the air is kind of pure."

"There stands the great Empress." So said my travelling companion as we sighted an imposing group of houses. The word great did not sound out of place; no person can travel far in Alberta or Saskatchewan without hearing of Empress, and even in a land where imagination is breathless in its attempt to keep pace with fact, this newly-born town is a prodigy.

The geographical position of Empress would suggest a prairie town, but to see the actual reality is to look on a "city set on a hill," with its banks and urns and full flowing river.

By the time the arduous, patient reader is perusing these lines, I shall have been a two weeks settler in Empress, and have just left a finished plate of buck-wheat cakes to put that medley of wonderings and conjectures which we term "first impressions." (There is nothing like buck-wheat cakes for jerking the mental faculties around with a wild rapidity.)

The Canadian Pacific Railway had not anticipated my travelling so early in this direction and hence had not put forth the necessary extra effort to complete the road construction. I therefore approached Empress from the C.N.R. town Alaska. The distance between these two towns is about 32 miles. I did not take the measurement myself—but was so informed. The intermediate country is comfortably settled. I made this observation, because, in order to know the security and prospects of a town, we must know the nature of its farming community.

In making the 32 miles I found some of the homes enroute to be the houses of families. Here and there stood also some smaller tenet, the happy retreat of one of the noble army having withstood the jeers and banter of outrageous females; while again occasional ally some building would stand back from the homestead, like a discarded wife or an M. Mormon sinner—his first choice, so to speak, before he had obtained such experience along the matrimonial line.

The soil along this division is varied, with a prevalence of loose-top, but broad tablelands of verdant green signify that before many weeks there will be the wide-kilo motion and swirl of wheat which takes one's mind back to the sea.

A short time ago only, a traveller might have approached this crossing, and after swimming his horse, but now such frivolity is out of date, for the Saskatchewan Government have built here a ferry and teams cross the river dry-shod and free of charge.

It is remarkable how small this world is after all. I had scarcely reached Empress when I encountered an old college chum of mine; the meeting brought a blush of shame to my cheeks. I remembered that that once, in college, wearied with trying to get the square root of a barrel of pork, I put my head out of the three story window and commenced gnawing at a full-sized watermelon; glancing below, I saw this chum talking to one of the fairer sex. The temptation of seeing a head so nice and "convenient" was too much. I dropped the melon on his head. I was the loser. The affair cost me the friendship of one of my best comrades; the last words I heard from him were that he would wander over the pit of my stomach, and plant a blue forget-me-not under my eye. However, meeting here as we did, in a fair land, and not long but the mosquito is vile, we forgot the past and gripped each others hand.

Empress has for its immediate surrounding, a rolling country. When the opaline glory of the western sunset tints the evening sky with its magnificent splendor, King Sol shoots over our heads his arrows of gold-dust from behind a ridge of undulating hills. It is hills "to the right of them," hills "to the left of them," hills on every hand. On the north there extends a row of eastern domes, linked together in one long chain—a peculiar formation. The geologist would here find study interesting, even if to discover he could find nothing about it. Behind these domes, as if for a modest setting an elongated elevation lifts itself to the sky, where at mid-day, a faint horizon trembles in the sun's heat, until it blends deliciously with the soft gray atmosphere.

To the East in the far distant past, was once performed a mighty ceremony; for it was here that we wedded the two great rivers, the Red Deer and the South Saskatchewan. What festivities were then held we do not know. Maybe the new-lark was there, doused in his waist-coat of yellow and gray, and the blackbird with his dagger of gold and the wild sunflower to set him to the music—we cannot tell; but here the two rivers were wedded, and from their union was born a broad valley. In this valley now shoot up the poplar tree and the cottonwood, to refresh the eye, embower the newly-born town, and give room for the tired mosquito. It is still disused water, the mosquito is ever tired; it is only the slow and clumsy that are killed; the fittest survive, so that each generation in mosquito-doggy bitterly points to a more spiky and less tired race of the species.

Of Empress, great expectations are aloft. Its inhabitants are optimistic and confident. The town is practically only seven months old and records a census of 700 people and this is as yet without railway communication. Few Alberta towns have experienced such development under equal disadvantages. Many industries with the aid of modern facilities have expended themselves on reaching a population of three or four hundred. At this point, after shedding printers ink in advertisement, tearing up the ground and whooping it up, exceeding great whoop, they have settled down to live out the rest of their days in peace. But Empress is not near settling down yet. She is now preparing to step into long dresses. The telegraph poles have already reached us. August 15th has been given out as the opening date of a regular train service. The C. P. R. branch

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line has long been a further project, and rumors are of this work in the air concerning the local activity of the C.N. Railway. From the newspaper we gather the report of a 16-stall round-house to be constructed— to be planned with an eye to further development. We are too in the vicinity of natural gas—one of the greatest conveniences of a western town. There is yet much room for cultivation in the surrounding country, and this margin means prospect for Empress. The prosperity of

the farmer means the prosperity of the merchant and of all. A few Alberta towns, realizing keenly this fact, are adopting a commendable policy of supplying their farmers with material help, knowing that this is bread cast upon the waters, and seen again after many days. Much of the environment here is, we must admit, droughty; but farming in the West has not yet been taken very seriously and science is showing us that much more can be done in the retaining of (continued on next page)

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Suits Pressed - \$1.00
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For the Best Decorated Ford in Empress on JULY 1st
We will give the following prizes:
First: One Dunlop Tube, 30x3 1-2, value \$5.00
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To each driver or owner in the line up we will give FREE a Photo of the bunch.
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The big day, July 30

Mr. and Mrs. Belfie left for
Guanacaste this morning.

Mr. Cozart, of Cozart & Boyd,
arrived in town on Friday last.
Extra large size sweat pads,
only 50c, at C. W. Dawdy's.

Mr. T. S. Tyler, son of Mr. R.
S. Tyler, arrived in town this
week.

Dr. E. C. Chandler of Flax-
combe, Sask., was an Empress
visitor on Friday.

Mr. E. A. Rivers of Gorefield,
Sask., was a visitor to town on
Friday.

Father Russell will hold mass
and preach in Empress on Sun-
day, August 23rd, at 10 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howse's
little son Tom was christened
during Catholic services on
July 1st.

Lots of music at the United
Church service on Sunday
evening at 7 o'clock. Come and
spend a pleasant evening.

Rev. Father Russell, of St.
Mary's, Calgary, arrived in
town on Tuesday, for the pur-
pose of holding of Mass and
conducting service here this
morning.

The mid-summer holidays of
the school children commenced
on Tuesday afternoon and no
more school will be held until
further notice from the trust-
ees.

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only 50c, at C. W. Dawdy's.

Mr. Glendenning of the C. P.
R. townsite department was a
visitor to town on Tuesday
business.

Mr. D. Anderson returned
from Saskatoon on Monday,
accompanied by his sister, who
will now conduct the business
known as the Palace Confection-
ery on Third Ave.

Mr. G. L. Brown started this
week on the construction of his
new store on Third Avenue.
The new store will be 24 x 40 ft.,
long, two storey high, having a
lean to also, making in all
72 ft. long. The building will
be up-to-date in every respect.

It pays—that is what C. W.
Dawdy has to say in regard to
advertising in the Express.
"Last week advertised a set of
harness for sale, which was
published on Friday. I sold
the set on Monday, and solely
through the advt."

Work on the construction of
the C.P.R. cooling plant start-
ed this week. Also the excava-
tion work for the ten stall
round house was started on
Tuesday. Work on the station
is progressing very slowly
owing to the non arrival of
the material train which is expect-
ed at any time.

The Biggest Day of All, that
is what we understand the di-
rectors intend to make it, takes
place on the 30th of July, this
is the day set aside by the Ag-
ricultural Society for the pur-
pose of holding their exhibi-
tion. By this time, also, the
new Princess Hotel will have
been completed and good ac-
commodation assured the vis-
itors on that day. A splendid
prize list is being arranged and
persons desiring to enter should
secure their copy as speedily as
possible from the Secretary.

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Quick service, Clean and nice

Meal Tickets Sold

W. NELSON, prop.

Mr. J. S. Merrifield left town
on Sunday last.

Mr. Kiel, of the Dairy Lunch,
is suffering these days from
rheumatism.

Messrs. Mose Rachand and
F. L. Fawcett are in town this
week taking photos of the dif-
ferent buildings for La Presse,
Montreal.

Mr. C. W. Dawdy made a trip
to Alsask on Tuesday, for the
purpose of meeting his wife
and two daughters. They will
take up their residence here.

Wedding Bells

Frederick Cyr and Josephine
Limoux were married on Wed-
nesday morning, July 1st, by
Father Russell. Miss Corine
Lambert and Jno. McCulloch
were best man and lady

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years experience, 10 years in
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to fit your eyes at reasonable
charges. Will again be at
Brown's Drug Store, on Wed-
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and 2nd.

Brockville-Atlas five passen-
ger touring car, cost new \$2700
and \$1200 New Seal Williams
player piano, with records, both
car and piano in good con-
dition. Will sell at bargain
price. Enquire at "Express"
office.

Would you like to win a \$90
White Cabinet Sewing Machine?
Read Dawdy's advt.

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and help on farm (chiefly as
companion). Apply for particu-
lars at the "Express" office.

Have you guessed yet? B.
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cialist at 315 Jasper Ave., E.,
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eyes will be properly attended
to by him on July 1st and 2nd.

Visit the Calgary fair and
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burg, the graduate, experienced
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specialist, 315 Macleod building
8th Avenue, take the elevator.

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